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On December 10, per Ref A, Emboff asked Mani Bhattarai, Section Officer for the United Nations, International Organizations, and International Law Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, that Nepal's delegation be present during the UN General Assembly votes on country-specific resolutions for Burma, Belarus, Iran and North Korea around December 17-19. Emboff also requested that Nepal's delegation vote "no" on the no-action motions and "yes" on the merits of the resolutions. Bhattarai gave no indication that the delegation would do anything other than abstain. Foreign Minister Sahana Pradhan and Under Secretary Rudra Nepal had been equally noncommittal during Post's previous attempts to secure Nepal's support for the resolutions (Ref B). POWELL